A PLAGUE SCARE IN EUROPE ARRIVAL OF A SUSPECTED VESSEL FROM BOMBAY AT HAMBURG.

ENERGETIC MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY HEALTH AUTHORITIES EVERYWHERE TO KEEP OUT THE DISEASE NO IMPROVEMENT IN THE

SITUATION AT BOMBAY. London, Jan. 19 .- A dispatch to the Central News for Hamburg says that the steamer Pirrie, from pombay, has arrived there with her mate dead and seven of her crew iii. It is suspected that the disease is the plague, and the vessel has been

placed in quarantine. A dispatch from Hamburg to a news agency here A disparent of the Pirrie is a ship and not a steamer, as teld in the disparch to the Central News. No mention of any vessel of that name is made in the shipping journals, and the name does not appear in the "Bureau Veritas." There is no doubt, howllar has arrived at Hamburg with suspicious cases of sickness on board, and that as she comes from Bombay the Hamburg health authorities have taken the precaution to have her quarantined until the exact nature of the disease shall be de-

Everywhere in Europe energetic measures are being taken to prevent the introduction of the being taken to prevent the introduction of the plague through vessels or cargoes arriving from East Indian ports. Orders have been issued by the health aumorities at all the maritime centres to watch closely for all cases of suspicious sickness on vessels from India, and promptly to quarantine such vessels until all danger is passed. It is thought that the conference to be held in Rome to discuss measures for keeping the plague out of Europe will decide on some means of fumigating tedian cargoes.

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A dispatch to "The Daily Mail" from Bombay says that there is not the slightest improvement in the situation there. People continue to fice from the city in large numbers, and the absence of the laboring classes is severely felt in every direction. The tramway companies have been compelled to stop the running of their cars, it not being possible to find men to operate them.

Advices from other sources are to the effect that the exodus of mill operatives continue, and it is expected that many of the most important factories in the district will have to shut down, owing to the lack of hands.

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Rome. Man. 19.—The Hahan Government denies the report that there have been cases of bubonic plague at Massowah, on the Red Sea. The report had its origin in the fact that the steamer Kalser Franz Josef, from Bombay, landed two sick soldiers at Massowah. They subsequently died, and ges the vessel on which they had been travelling had come from the plague-infested city, their deaths were attributed, erroneously, it appears, to the disease now raging there.

ITALIAN DEPUTIES TO BE DISMISSED. THE CABINET DECIDES TO DISSOLVE THE CHAMBER.

Rome, Jan. 19 .- At a Cabinet meeting held this evening it was decided to dissolve the Chamber of Deputies. The elections for members of a new Chamber will probably be held at the end of March or the beginning of April.

THE CHIMAY DIVORCE CASE.

IT IS TRIED IN BRUSSELS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

Brussels, Jan. 19 .- The proceedings for divorce brought by the Prince of Chimay against his wife, formerly Clara Ward, of Detroit, who eloped from Paris last fall with Jaños Rigo, a Hungarian gypsy fiddler, were heard to-day at Charlerol. The courtroom was crowded with spectators, and the interest in the case was further shown by the presence of newspaper correspondents from nearly all of the

Before any testimony was taken the Public Prosecutor, M. Morel, asked that the case be tried privately, and the Judge granted the request and erdered the courtroom cleared of all spectators, press representatives included.

The Prince of Chimay and his cousin, Prince Joseph, were present. The Princess was represented by Maitre Allain, of the Paris Court of Appeal. London, Jan. 19.—The Brussels correspondents of the Central News telegraphs the following dispatch, purporting to be an account of what took place at the hearing of the Chimay divotce case, which began at Charleroi to-day. As the case is being tried in camera the story is possibly inaccurate in detail, but is given out for publication for what it is worth. Prince Chimay's counsel brought to the cogramos of the Court twenty-three facts, showing reance of the Court twenty-three facts, showing the findledity on the part of the Princess with all persons, but principally with Rigo, her presparamour, whose relations with the Princess of Chimay were open and notorious in the neighborhood of Chimay, the place of residence of the Prince in the Province of Hainout, and caused an abominable scandal.

Maitre Allain, counsel for the Princess, admitted the principal facts brought to the notice of the Court, but denied some of the details regarding the cynicism of the Princess, who, he said, had a good heart, but had been spoiled by bad education.

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The court then adjourned for a fortnight, and in the mean time the Public Proctor will decide the point raised by M. Beerneart.

Counsel for the Princess declared, on behalf of the client, that she would leave to her husband the settlement of the question of alimony.

It is also asserted that the Princess once made a confession of her relations with other men to her husband and offered to retire to a convent as an act of atonement.

.AN EARTHQUAKE ON KISHM ISLAND.

THE LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN

London, Jan. 19 -- A dispatch to "The Times" from Teheran says that a severe earthquake oc-curred on January II on Kishm Island, the largest island in the Persian Gulf, and that the loss of life vas extremely large.

Kishm Island is about fifteen miles from the trance to the Persian Gulf. It is seventy miles long, and its average breadth is twelve miles. The population is estimated at 5,000, most of whom are Arabs. The island belongs to the Imam of Muscat.

THE PARIS SIGNALLED AT SEA.

Queenstown, Jan. 19 .- The White Star Line steamer Majestic, which arrived here at an early hour this morning, reports that when she was a hundred miles out from Sandy Hook she exchanged signals with the American Line steamer Paris, for Southampton, which sailed from New-York with only one of her engines working.

TRACING IVORY'S MOVEMENTS.

London, Jan. 19.—The trial of Edward J. Ivory was resum d this morning. Contrary to expectation, there were few spectators in the courtroom.

A female clerk in the Glasgow Hotel, at which Ivory stopped, tesufied to the prisoner having received telegrams from Boulogne, France, where he

Several witnesses described Ivory's movements from the time of his arrival in England until he was arrested in Glasgow, among them John Burns, was arrested in Glasgow, among them John Burns, a boy, who accompanied Ivory in his search for the men Caffrey, Meagher, and O'Hara, who were recommended by Kearney. Meagher was not at home when Ivory called, Burns said, and Mrs. Meagher refused to accept a letter which Kearney had written to her husband, of which Ivory was the bearer. Neither could Caffrey or O'Hara be found, the former being in the hospital and the latter in Ireland.

ter in Ireland.
A telegraph clerk produced a telegram from Kearney, in Rotterdam, to Ivory for Bell) in Glasgow dated September II, which read: "We are here Business stopped. Wire Garth."
The court adjourned until to-morrow.

CARGO OF AMERICAN NAPHTHA BURNED. London, Jan. 19.—The Italian bark Elena G., Captain Garibaldi, from Philadelphia, before reported on fire while discharging cargo at La Roque, Gironde, and which at last reports was still burn-ing, is a total loss. She had on board 4,548 casks of naphtha,

MEXICAN BANDITS SURROUNDED.

Hermosillo, Mexico, Jan. 12.-The members of a and of border bandits who made a raid on the Kogales custom-house have got together in the Sierra Madre Mountains west of here, and are hemmed in by a large force of Mexican dwalry. A battle is expected. The most desperate members of the band are "Black Jack," Laid Williams and "Bob" Musgrave.

THE CZAR'S HEALTH EXCELLENT. St. Petersburg, Jan. 19 .- It is semi-officially announced that the health of the Czar is excellent, and that the stories of his allments are without

HORENLOHE DEFENDS THE GOVERNMENT.

Berlin, Jan. 19.-In the Abgeordnetenhaus, the hamber of Deputies of the Prussian Landtag, today Herr Limburg denounced the prosecution of Baron von Luctzow, the journalist who on December 7 was sentenced to eighteen months' imprison-ment for libelling Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, Injuster of Foreign Affairs: Count August von Scienburg and Prince Alexander von Hohenlohe, and Also for confessed forgery and perjury. Frace Hohenlohe, Imperial Chancellor, defended

the action of the authorities in prosecuting Luctzow as being absolutely necessary, and declared that the trial of Major von Tausch, the former Chief of the Political Police, who is now in jail under charges of forgery and perjury, would show that Baron Marschall von Bieberstein had acted in complete harmony with the other Ministers.

The remarks of the Chancellor were received with cheers by the members of the Left and Centre.

WEYLER TAKES THE FIELD AGAIN.

SUPPRESSED NEWS INDICATING A SPANISH DE-FEAT COMES TO LIGHT.

Havana, Jan. 19.-General Weyler, accor by his staff, started for the field at 8 o'clock this morning. The General took a carriage from the palace to the outskirts of the city, where he mounted a horse and rode in the direction of San José de las Lajas, to the southeast of Havana. He was escorted by several regiments of cavalry and a bodyguard of negro troops recently drafted into the service.

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The newspapers here now give incomplete details of an attack made by the rebels on Tapaste, Province of Havana. The fight occurred on January 16, and the fact that the news of the engagement has been so long suppressed is taken to indicate a Spanish defeat. The newspapers say, under Government permission, that when the insurgents attacked the town the residents took refuge in a church. The Spanish defended the place for four hours, until the rebels retired. No mention of losses is made on either side.

Further details are at hand of the recent rebel attack on Placetas, in the Province of Santa Clara. The rebels entered the town from different directions. They crossed the line of forts and attacked several houses. Later there was fierce fighting in the streets, which lasted for three hours, when the rebels were driven out of the town. The assurents left six of their number dead in the streets. The garrison had sixteen men wounded. One woman resident was killed and three male citizens and a child were wounded. Nineteen persons in the town have been arrested on the charge of having been implicated in the attack.

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

The reception of "Caste" at the Knickerbocker Theatre has caused an extension of John Hare's engagement for two weeks beyond the limit originally set for it. "Caste" will be played all next week.

Miss Bernice Castello will give a recital in the parlors of the Hotel Waldorf this afternoon at 3:30

Miss Lillian Russell and her company will give another souvenir matinee of "An American Beauty" the Casino on Saturday afternoon.

The American stage rights to Thomas Hardy's novel, "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," have been secured by Mrs. Minnie Maddern-Fiske, and a dramatization of the book has been made by Lorimer Stoddard.

The Empire Theatre dramatic and operatic students announce their next exhibition for Thurs-day of next week. Miss May Irwin has been requested by the women of the Prison Guild to give an entertam-

ment in the Tombs for the amusement of the inmates. She has the matter under consideration, and it is probable that she will accede to the re-The same soldiers from Governor's Island who

shot at Herrman, the magician, on a recent oc-casion, when he caught the bullets, will shoot at his widow. Miss Adelaide Herrmann, at the Met-ropolitan Opera House, on Thursday night, Jan-Oscar Hammerstein has paid a judgment of fore

closure and sale of \$5,000 obtained against him by his sister, Anna Rosenberg, and Justice Beekman has entered an order cancelling the judgment. Mrs. Rosenberg loaned the manager \$5,000, taking a mortgage on the Columbus Theatre as security.

JOHN R. FORD'S WILL FILED.

The will of John R. Ford, the rubber merchant, has been offered for probate at the office of the Surrogate By the will, the house No. 507 Fifth-ave. was left by Mr. Ford to his wife, Elizabeth M. Ford, together with the sum of \$500,000; but Mrs. Ford died before her husband, and in a codicil he provided that the property which was to have gone to his wife should form a part of the residuary estate.

The entire estate, including the stock in th Meyer Rubber Company, at Militown, N. J., and in the North British Rubber Company, at Edinburgh, Scotland, and real estate in New-York, New-Jer-Rhode Island, Iowa and Kansas, is to be divided into three shares, one of which is to go to each of the two sons, James B. Ford and John Howard Ford, absolutely. The remaining share

The will of Augustus Barth, cigar manufacturer of No. 184 Bowery, who died on January 8, was offered for probate yesterday. Mr. Barth left an estate valued in the papers at about \$284,000 in real estate and about \$94,000 in personal property. He leaves his business to his son, Alfred Barth, and gives to his daughter, Ida, the wife of Henry Iden, jr., the sum of \$30,000. The sum of \$20,000 is to be set aside and the income devoted to the education set aside and the income devoted to the education of the children of his son, Alfred Barth. A bequest of \$500 is made to Pauline Zuegenhirt, who was in the employ of the testator. Mr. Barth gives the sum of \$100 to each man who had been in his employ for ten years at the time of his death, and \$50 to each man who had been in his employ between five and ten years. The remainder of the estate is left in trust, the income to be paid to the testator's son and daughter. The principal will go to their children at their deaths.

A BIG PURCHASE BY SWIFT & CO. St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 19 .- A deal has just been consummated whereby Swift & Co., the Chicago packing firm, have become the owners of the St. Joseph stockyards and the Mora packing-house. The purchase price is said to be the amount of the bonded indebtedness, which is \$425,000. It is understood in the provision trade that Swift & Co. will concentrate their Missouri River interest here, take hold of the plant at once, and give employment to 1200 or more men.

COMMENT ON CURRENT TOPICS.

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IT COULD NOT SPREAD.

Of course, it would be too bold to say that America as experienced its last great pestilence. The devil still has a dart or two in his quiver, as that wholly internal la grippe proves; and there remain neighborhoods in this city which would afford the very best encouragement to the Indian plague. But it could not spread. From The Chicago Times-Herald.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

From The Baltimore American.

Does the Senate suppose that the American people want a useless dirch at such a tremendous expenditure of the public funds? The Suez Canal accommodates the commerce and the navies of the world. It is not built for chips of three thousand tons and under, but for the modern leviathlans of commerce and the mighty naval monsters of every country. To build such a canal across Nicaragua, with its numerous locks and immense busins and dams, would cost in all probability \$500.00,000, with no guarantee that it would bear the tremendous strain upon it at various points long enough for even one ship to pass through it with safety. From The Baltimore American.

POPULAR VOTE NO CURE.

From The St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The cause of the election of improper men for Senators lies deeper than the methods employed in choosing them. It is in the civic indolence and inertin of men of education and standing. The same influences which sway Legislative caucuses run State conventions. Conventions are a little larger in membership than the caucuses.

IN MISSOURI, TOO. From The Kansas City Star.

The poverty of the material in the Democratic party of the State seems to be so great that the choice was narrowed down between Mr. Vest and W. J. Stone, and of the two evis Vest is manifestly the lesser, because he is more cautious in his operations. AUTONOMY NOT ENOUGH.

From The New-Orleans Picayune.

It probably matters very little whether Spain would be willing to grant autonomy or not, as there is little chance that the insurgents would accept any such settlement as the basis upon which the revolution should end. Having been able to hold out so long against the great odds the Spaniards have brought against them, the Cubans appear to be resolved that nothing short of absolute independence will prove acceptable.

TO SOUTHERN RESORTS.
FLORIDA FAST LINE, Atlantic Coast Line and Plant System, via Washington, Richmond, Charleston. 229 and 261 Broadway, N. T.—(Advt.

MME. MELBA GOING HOME. DR. L. A. BANKS'S NEW FIELD.

SEASON.

A LONG REST WILL BE NECESSARY FIRST-TO

SAIL FOR FRANCE ON SATURDAY. The statements in regard to the serious condition of Mme. Melba's health which were published in these columns yesterday prove to be entirely correct. Her recent attack of influenza, the worry over her failure in "Siegfried," and the work that she has been through have seriously broken down her health, and she finds it absolutely necessary to take a considerable rest. She hopes to be able to sing again before the end of the season, but it is by no means certain. Her letter to Maurice Grau, of the Metropolitan Opera House, in regard to her case is as follows:

Hotel Manhattan, January 19, 1897.

Dear Mr. Grau.

I have disampointed the public so often this season. I have put you to so much inconvenience, and I am so ill that I think it is only justice to the public, to you and myself to ask you to allow me to go home and rest, which I fell convinced is the only thing will cure me. You can imagine how unhappy I am to have to write this, but I feel it is necessary. Will you kindly inform the press and the public of my decision and thank them for all their kindness to me?

Thanking you for all your kindness and courtesy, believe me your sincere, but very sad friend.

P. S.—I am confident that I will be able to return in two months, perhaps carlier, and resume my dutles with your company.

The decision announced in this letter was, of course, in accordance with the advice of the sing-

course, in accordance with the advice of the singer's physicians, Drs. Curtis and Polk. Dr. Curtis has been in constant attendance upon Mme. Melba for weeks. She made a final call on Dr. Polk yesterday, and agreed entirely with Dr. Curtis in advising a long and complete rest. Dr. Curtis sent to Mr. Grau the following letter in regard to her

To Maurice Grau, Esq., Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau, To Maurice Grau, Esq., Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau, Limited.

Dear sir: This is to certify that Mme, Melba is suffering from a severe constitutional depression, following the recent attack of influenza she has experienced. Her vocal cords are also in such a state that, after consulting the best talent to be state that, after consulting the best talent to be state that, after consulting the best talent to be state that, after consulting the best talent to be state that, after consulting the absolute rest for an interest of the state of the second for a least two months.

Let me assure you that this decision has not been reached hastily, but only after carefully observing her condition for some weeks. While recognizing that this course will neither suit the pleasure of the public nor the profit of the management, I am constrained, for the good of my distinguished client, to advise the peremptory measures which seem to me wisest and best.

It was accordingly definitely settled yesterday that Mme, Melba should not try to sing any more

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that Mme. Melba should not try to sing any more till she should be entirely well and that she should go back to Paris at once for a rest. She will sail on Saturday on the Bourgogne. She will go directly to her home in Paris, and will stay there for some weeks, unless she should decide to try the effect of the South of France in restoring her health. The physicians have especially recommended the sea voyage and the change of air.

Mr. Grau said yesterday that Mme. Melba was still anxious to sing again this season, and still hoped to be able to do so. She would stay abroad at least till early March, but then, if she should be well enough, she might come back in time to sing with the opera company in Chicago and in the supplementary season here.

Mme. Melba was to sing at the Metropolitan on Saturday afternoon in "Rigoletto" and the mad seene of "Lucia di Lammermoor." In place of this bill. "Mefistofele" will be given, with Mme, Calvé as Marguerite and Helen of Troy. This will make necessary a change of bill in the evening also, as Mme, Calvé was to sing then in "Cavalleria Rusticana," and she cannot be expected to sing twice in the same day. It has been decided to give "The Huguenots" on Saturday evening, with a cast including Mmes, Litvinne, Olitzka, Bauermeister and Engle, and Messrs, Lassaile, Ceppl, Ancona, Bars, Viviani, Vaschetti, Vanni, Corsi and Edouard de Reszke.

A NOVEL PURIM BALL.

The Purim Ball given last night in the Metropolitan Opera House was both novel and successful There was a large attendance both on the floor and in the boxes, and the funds of the Mount Sinai Hospital, to which the profits of the ball are given, will benefit correspondingly.

The Metropolitan Opera House was not decorated for the occasion, save for the single word "Charity" in large letters outlined by incandescent lamps over the proscenium. From opposite balconys two orchestras alternated in playing dance and promenade music, that for the dancing being furnished by Charles J. Schwab's band and the number for the promenading by Ernest Neyer. Be-fore the dancing began a series of tableaus was given. The presentation was called "An Impre-

including a "battle of the collectic. The was excellently arranged and evoked great applause. Dancing began after the tableaus, the scene from the floor to the top gallery being most brilliant and attractive.

The Reception Committee consisted of Isaac Wallach, chairman; Isaac Stern, Louis Stix, M. Warley Platzek, Louis Stern, Henry Gitterman, Isaac Blumenthal, Edward Oppenheimer, Mayer Lehman, Simon Rothschild, S. L. Fatman, the Hon, J. E. Newburger, Solomon Loeb, Adolph Herrmann, Max Nathan, David Wile, Leopoid Well, George Balmenthal, Julius Ehrmann, J. Henry Rothschild, Henry F. Veith, Herman Mendel, A. J. Dittenhoefer, Myer S. Isaacs, Henry Budge, Isaac N. Heidelberg, Abraham Wolff, Ellas Asiel, Lewis May, Marcus M. Marks, Samuel M. Schafer, Charles Minzesheimer, Simon Borg, A. Sake, Isaac Rosenwald, Emanuel Lehman, Jacob H. Schiff, Harmon H. Nathan, Henry Rice, James H. Hoffman, Isidore Strauss, James Seligman, Adolph Lewisohn, Henry Allen and Henry Ickelheimer.

THE ELECTION HOTLY CONTESTED.

RESULT OF THE DISAGREEMENT AMONG CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIA-TION OVER HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS.

The disagreement among certain members of the New-York County Medical Association over the manner in which the hospital appointments of the city are awarded led to a hotly contested election of officers last Monday evening, when the annual meeting of the association was held at No. 12 West Thirty-first-st. The election resulted in the uccess of a majority of the ticket representing the nen who have previously been in charge of the ffairs of the association, the opposition succeeding in electing two out of the six officers chosen. The president, Dr. Joseph E. Janvrin, and the recording secretary, Dr. M. C. O'Brien, were the two opposition officers elected.

The physicians who conducted the some time ago preferred through their representa-tives. Drs. Manley, Van Fleet and Valentine, charges against several of the most prominent members of the association, namely Drs. Joseph H. Bryant, president of the Academy of Medicine; W

charges against several of the most profile the bers of the association, namely Drs. Joseph H. Bryant, president of the Academy of Medicine; W. T. Lusk, Charles McBurney, F. S. Dennis, Austin Flint, H. M. Biggs and J. F. Erdmann, It is understood that Jhose charges were concerning the stand these physicians are alleged to have taken with reference to keeping the hospital appointments within the control of the three medical colleges of the city.

What precipitated the contest was the action of Dr. P. B. Porter in sending out a circular to the members of the association calling attention to the attack made on these physicians and saying that the election's result would determine the future of the association. For this circular Dr. Porter was roundly denounced at the meeting on Monday evening by Dr. Manley, who said he had preferred charges to the executive committee against him therefor. So much feeling was sirred up against Dr. Porter that he was defeated for re-exciton as recording secretary, although the others on his licket, with one exception, were elected.

When seen yesterday by a Tribune reporter at his office. No. 150 West Eighty-fourth-st., Dr. Porter said that he sent out the circular purely in an unofficial capacity, thinking that the most prominent members of the association, which would probably result successfully upon some of the most prominent members of the association, which would probably result successfully upon some of the most prominent members of the Executive Committee who would pass upon the charges. This attempt of Dr. Porter to warn the members of what was going on, he sald yester-day, succeeded as the election showed. At the same meeting the Executive Committee who would prosupe in the charges were too trivial to entertain, and the association referred the matter to the new Executive Committee for final disposition.

Dr. Dougias H. Stewart, of No. 111 West Sixtyfourth-st., one of the members who supported that the charges against the physicians named, said yesterday to a Tribune repor

ESCAPE OF A FEDERAL PRISONER. Albany, Jan. 19.—Anton Eckels, a United States

prisoner, charged with counterfeiting, escaped at Rome, N. Y., this morning at 7:15 o'clock as a train was taking water at that station. Eckels was in custedly of a Deputy United States Marshal, and was being brought from the Eric County Juli at Buffalo to Albany for trial before the United States District Court.

SHE HOPES TO SING AGAIN THIS LIKELY TO BECOME PASTOR OF CALVARY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH-DR. NORTH DECLINES.

It is now regarded as almost certain that the Rev. Dr. Louis Albert Banks, pastor of the Hanson Place Methodist Church, of Brooklyn, will succeed the Rev. Dr. Kendig as paster of the Calvary Methodis; Church, in Harlem. An important decision rendered by Bishop Walden yesterday practically settled this question. The Rev. Dr. F. Mason North, secretary of the City Church Extension and Missionary Society, received a call to the pulpit of the Calvary Church several weeks ago. Dr. North preferred his present position in case it was

pulpit of the Calvary Church several weeks ago. Dr. North preferred his present position in case it was decided that it was a life position and could become with him a life work. If it was held that the rule regarding itinerant pastorates, making their extreme length five years, applied to the secretary-ship, Dr. North had decided to accept the pastorate of this important church. The church offered him a salary of \$3.500, with an additional \$500 for house rent, making a total of \$4.500, while his salary as secretary was \$3.500.

Bishop Walden yesterday announced it as his official opinion that the time limit for itinerant pastofs had no application to the secretaryship held by Dr. No th. In addition to this, on Monday there was a meeting of the Church Extension Society, at which Dr. North was urgently requested to remain as secretary, and the financial proposition of the Calvary Church was met with a like offer of \$3.500 salary and \$000 house rent. Yesterday Dr. North formally declined the Calvary invitation.

This, it is believed, leaves a clear road for Dr. Banks to go to Calvary Church, and Dr. Banks's intimate friends, who were seen last night, said that there was no doubt about it.

Dr. Banks will, on April I next, complete a pastorate of three years at Hanson Place Church, the largest one, numerically, in Brooklyn, having a membership of over two thousand. Dr. Banks about two months ago, handed in his resignation as pastor of the Hanson Place Church, believing that the church, which was much attached to him, would be able to work more unitedly under the spiritual superintendence of another minister. Dr. Banks is an ardent Prohibitionist, and is ready at all times to give a reason for the faith that is within him. There was a feeling on the part of some of his most prominent church officials that there was only one position for a minister to take in the last campaign. While the slight difference in opinions held by Dr. Banks and his parishioners reached nothing like an open break, the doctor said that he b

THE MOTHER AND SISTER DEAD.

ARTHUR PALMER, THE MURDERER, THOUGHT TO HAVE STARTED FOR CANADA-THE THREE VICTIMS TO BE BURIED TO-MORROW.

Two more victims were added vesterday to the awful tragedy which has resulted in the death of three of the Palmer family, near Mamaroneck. Mrs. Harriett Palmer, seventy years old, the mother of the demented Arthur Palmer, who on Monday night shot his brother Leonard dead and mortally wounded his sister Gertrude, died at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning. She had bled profusely from bullet wounds in her side and back. Her daughter Ger trude, twenty-six years old, who was shot in the left side, died last night at 6 o'clock. Her brothers sie Palmer, of Mount Vernon, and Loftus and William Palmer, of Mamaroneck, were at her bedside nearly all day yesterday, and kept from her the news that her mother was dead.

David O'Connor, the hired man, who has been missing since the crime, and who, it was thought, had shared a fate similar to those in the house, returned from New-York City last night. He was apparently intoxicated, and little information could obtained from him, except that he had been discharged in the morning and had gone to New-York City at night on the same train on which Arthur Palmer made his escape. He said that he noticed Arthur get on the 6.39 train at Larchmont, but did not speak to him. The police believe that the mur-derer is on his way to Toronto, Canada, where his wife is visiting her parents, a French-Canadian family. It is feared that he has murderous designs on her life, and word has been telegraphed to the police of that city and those of Montreal and Utica to wore a suit of dark clothes and an alpine hat. He was smooth-shaven, except a dark, square-cut mus tache, and of a heavy build. The motive Palmer had in committing the crime remains a mystery. A

divided note and divided not be used for the words, and without liability for the debts of her husband, or of any husband she mave have in her natural life.

The power is given to Mrs. Herrick, to use the sum of \$10,000 out of her share, and she may called the properties usually used. The composers were shall not not not have been carried as a sum of \$10,000 out of her share, and she may dispose by her will of that sum, or so much not have been carried as a sum of \$10,000 out of her share, and she may dispose by her will of that sum, or so much not have been distingted to the home of Mrs. De Freitus and or displayers. When she had finished a properties usually used. The composers, seens from whose best works were thus represented, shall not not have by her brother. At her death the remainder of this share will be used for the benefit of the chart of the children.

Mr. Ford names as executors his sons, James B, and John Howard Ford, and his son-in-law, Dr. and John Howard Fo had in committing the crime remains a mystery. A theory advanced by the surviving members of the family is that Arthur was suffering from overwork, and, having been twitted on account of the absence of his wife, became crazed.

It was learned yesterday that after she had been shot Gertrude Palmer ran nearly a quarter of a mile to the home of Mrs. De Freitus and her daughter, Mrs. Georgie Osborn, and told them of the tragedy. When she had finished she feli fainting into Mrs. De Freitus's arms. She was carried back to her home. The mansion of ex-Sen-

all parts of Westchester County, where the Palmers are numerous.

Speaking of the tragedy last night Jesse Palmer said to a reporter of The Tribune: "It has been said that we considered Arthur had lowered himself by marrying the young French-Canadian woman, who was a servant, and that we treated his wife in such a manner that she could stand it no longer, and went to Canada. This is not so, Mother and all of us liked Arthur's wife exceedingly, and she always was happy with us here. My brother was insane, and that is all there is to it. Why, I remember some time ago he was crazy on the subject of religion, and would go into the woods and pray and exhort for hours. Then he became a scoffer at religion, and believed in nothing."

FAIRCHILD SHOULD HAVE HAD IT.

BELATED DECISION IN THE WESTCHESTER CONGRESS NOMINATION CASE.

Albany, Jan. 19.—Secretary of State Palmer was much pleased to-day at the decision of the Court of Appeals in the Westchester Congress nomination controversy. Previous to the election Ben L. Fairhild and William L. Ward contested before the Secretary of State for the right to the place on the Secretary of State for the right to the place on the official ballot as the regular Republican candidate for Congress in the XVIth District. The Secretary of State decided that Fairchild's name should go on the hallot. Justice Edwards and the Appellate Division reversed the Secretary of State, and decided in favor of Ward. The Court of Appeals, in its decision to-day, affirmed the determination of the Secretary of State in favor of Fairchild and reversed the decision of Justice Edwards and the Appellate Division.

vision.

This decision, of course, will be without effect, as Mr. Ward was duly elected Congressman and will serve as Representative from the XVith District. The case was carried to the Court of Appeals also restablish a precedent. The Court of Appeals also reversed the decision of the New-York Police Commissioners in favor of Ward's name going on the ballot.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

VESTERDAY'S RECORD AND TO DAY'S FORECAST Washington, Jan. 19.—The barometer has risen on the Atlantic coast and in the lower lake regions, and it has allen rapidly in the Missi stopi and Missouri valleys and

DETAILED FORECAST FOR TO DAY. For New England, generally fair Wednesday; not so old, westerly winds, shifting to south and east. For Eastern New-York, Eastern Pennsylvania, Newerroy and Delaware, fair Wednesday, but with increasing loudiness; not so cold, easterly winds.

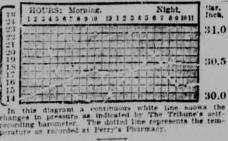
cloudiness; not so cold, easterly winds.

For the District of Croumbia, Maryland and Virginia, barrily cloudy during the day; not so cold; easterly winds.

For Western New York, fair, except on the lakes; light local shows warmer easterly to southerly winds.

For Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, increasing cloudiness during the day, probably followed by light rain or now; warmer, easterly to southerly winds.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.



Tribune Office, Jan. 29, I a. in The weather vesterday was clear and cold. The temperature ranged between 14 and 24 degrees, the average (17 degrees) being 22% degrees lower than that of Monday and 18% lower than that of the cerresponding day of last year.

The weather to-day will be fair and warmer.

OBITUARY.

NATHAN COMBTOCK.

A link with the past has been broken by the death on Monday night of Nathan Comstock at his home, No. 164 Dean-st., Brooklyn. His health had not been good for several years, owing to heart trouble, and the end had for some time been recognized as inevitable. Mr. Comstock was born in Market-st., New-York, in the early part of the century, and was the son of an oldtime Quaker merchant on the East Side of the city. He studied law, and continued to practise his profession though somewhat irregularly, until the time of his death. His personal inclinations were those of a newspaper man, rather than a lawyer, and in the course of his long life he did much newspaper

the course of his long life he did much newspaper writing. In the lifetime of Mr. Greeley he wrote frequently for The Tribune. For a period in the sixties he was the Albany correspondent of this paper. This was after he had served a term as a member of the Assembly, in 1851. He also acted as correspondent at the State capital for other New-York journals.

Mr. Comstock took an active part in the anti-slavery struggle, and likewise in the foundation of the Republican party. Among his close friends were Horace Greeley, Oliver Johnson, George William Curtis, Henry J. Raymond and Charles F. Briggs. Of Quaker proclivities, he was too ardent an advocate of peace to take part in the war, but he sympathized sincerely with the movement for the liberation of the slaves.

Mr. Comstock was a member of the Society of Friends, and he will be buried in the Friends Cemetery, in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. His widow, two sons and one daughter survive him. John M. Comstock, formerly Deputy Naval Officer in this city and now Chief of the Customs Division in the Treasury Department at Washington, is his brother.

DAVID REED.

David Reed, one of Sing Sing's oldest inhabitants. died yesterday morning. He had not been well for a long time and death was due to old age. Mr. a long time and death was due to oid age.

Reed was born in the town of South East, Putnam
County, N. Y., December 13, 1818. He was the son of
Lewis Reed. He spent his younger days on a farm, going to school in the winter at Pleasantville. This was before the New-York and Harlem Railroad was built. Then he started a country store in Pleasantville. He married Miss Mary Palmer, daughter of wille. He married Miss Mary Palmer, daughter of Harry Palmer, and then went to Sing Sing where he engaged in the lumber business. He afterward went into the drug business and founded the house of Reed & Carnrick, in this city, which firm is still preserved by their successors. Mr. Reed was married twice, his second wife being Miss Elizabeth Hobby, whom he married in 1857. He leaves a daughter, Miss Lizzie Reed, and two sons, Harry Reed, of Jersey City Heights, and Dr. Charles Reed, of Brooklyn.

MRS. JAMES B. IRWIN.

Elizabeth, N. J., Jan. 19 (Special).-Mrs. James B. Irwin, wife of the superintendent of the Manhattan Drydock and Transportation Company, of New-York, died at her home in this city to-night. Mrs. Irwin was forty-five years old, and was extremely popular in social circles in this city.

SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS ATTACKED.

THEY THINK THE DEVIL'S IN TREMONT, AND THEY STIRRED HIM UP.

Colonel George French, Mrs. French, Colonel Mugford and Lieutenant Buffert, all of the Salva-tion Army, went househunting in Tremont yesterday, and late last evening called at a cottage at One-hundred-and-seventy-seventh-st. and Fourthave. Agnes Mulligan, a real estate agent, was in charge of the house, and met the party at the door. When Colonel French asked if the house was to let Mrs. Mulligan looked them over critically and

"Is not our money as good as anybody's?" asked "No," said Mrs. Mulligan with a grin.

"No." said Mrs. Mulligan with a grin.

"You insinuate that we get it dishonestly?" said Colonel French.

"I do." answered Mrs. Mulligan.

"You're not a lady," said Mrs. French.

"Get out," said Mrs. Mulligan, and, suiting the actions to the words, she grabbed Mrs. French by her hair.

Colonel French attempted to protect his wife, but was setzed by the collar by Mrs. Mulligan, who threw him and his wife into the yard. Mulligan, the woman's husband, appeared at that point and assaulted Colonel Mugford and Lieutenant Buffert. The two Salvationists were not a match for the brawny Irishman, and followed the order of the Colonel's going with even a greater lack of ceremony. The Salvationists effected a hasty retreat, and last night, at the Tremont barracks on Washington-ave. near One-hundred-and-seventy-seventh-st., Colonel French made his adventure the topic of his talk.

"We could have Mrs. Mulligan arrested," said Colonel French, "but we won't. As sure as you're alive, the devil's in Tremont, and we stirred him up."

Colonel French until recently lived in Plainfield,

STROUSE—SITTENFIELD—On Tuesday, January 19, 1897, by the Rev. Raphael Benjamin, M. A., Resa Sittenfield to Joseph Strouse.

THAYER—KERESEY—On Tuesday, January 19, 1897, at No. 78 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, by the Rev. Thomas F, Ward, Alice, daughter of Redmond Keresey, to Edward Ciatlin Thayer.

Notices of marriages and deaths must be dorsed with full name and address.

DIED. APAM—Suddenly, on Monday, January 18, 1897, Sarah Sampson Adam, widow of John H. Adam and daughter of the late Isaac Sampson. Puneral services at her late residence. No. 13 East 40th-st, on Thursday, January 21, at 10 a. m. Interment at Oyster Buy, Long Island.

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BEAMES—On Monday, January 18, 1807, of apoplexy, Franklin Bennes, ased 48.

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Fineral service at his late residence, No. 43 Reid-ave, Brooklyn, on Wednesday, January 20, at 11 a. m.

BISHOP—Suddenly, Monday morning, January 18, Mary T., wife of the late William Bishop.

T., wife of the late William Bishop.

Triemis and relatives are invited to attend the services at her late residence, No. 38 East 76th-st., Wednesday, at 4 p. m.

Interment at convenience of family.

Kindly omit flowers.

HYRAM—At Madison N. J., on January 18, 1897, Mary E. Byram, wife of William 11, Byram.

The funeral will take place from the home on Conventational Conventations of the services of the services of the services at 200 p. m., on Thursday, January 21.

Train leaves Barclay st. at 12.

YOULD ANN—At Springfield, III., January 14, 1897.

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COCHRANE—At Springfield, El., January 14, 1897.
Thamas M. Cochrane, eldest son of the late Rev. Thomas Cochrane, and grandson of Colonel S. S. Beach, aged 59 years.

New-Jersey papers please copy.

COMSTOCK—On Secand day, 18th inst., after a long illness. Nathan Comstock.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, No. 164 Deam-st. Brooklyn, on 191th day, 21st inst., at 2 o'clock p. m.

CONTENCIN—On Sunday, January 17, after a short illness, at his residence, No. 161 East Suth-at., Louis Contencin.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral feelings and friends are invited to attend the funeral feelings and friends are invited to attend the funeral feelings.

ness, at his residence, No. 101 Last content, Dona Contented.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at the Church of St. Jean Baptiste, 76th-st., near Lexington ave., on Wednesday, the 20th inst., at 10:30 a. m.
Interment private.
Boston, Hangor and Chicago papers please copy.

GASKELL—On January 18, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Burrows, Southern Boulevard, near 187th-st., New York City, Mary Gaskeil, nother of James and William Gaskeil, in her 93d year.

Funeral private.

IRWIN—At Elizabeth, N. J., January 19, 1801, Sophie W.

Funeral private.

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IRWIN-At Elizabeth, N. J., January 19, 1807, Sophie W., held wife of James B. Irwin, and daughter of the late Frederick Wueste esq., of Bremen, Germany.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

JAUDON-At Toklo, Japan, December 23, suddenly, of beart failure, Peyton Jaudon, eldest son of the late Samuel and Marguerite Peyton Jaudon.

LEGGETT-At Flushing, N. Y., Sunday, January 17, 1807, Ellen C. Leggett, M. D., wife of Charles P. Leggett, M. D., and daughter of the late Stephen and Catherine Gebhard Currie.

Funeral services at her late residence, No. 26 Jamaica-ave, Flushing, Wednesday, January 29, on the arrival of the 3 o'clock train from Long Island City.

Interment at the convenience of the family.

MANY-On Monday, January 18, 1807, John H. Many,

Interment at the convenience of the family.

MANY—On Monday, January 18, 1807, John H. Many, aged 64 years.

Funeral services at Union M. E. Church, West 48th-st., on Wednesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

Interment at Flushing, L. I.

MARSH—At New Milford, Conn., January 19, Helen Canfield, wife of the late Eghert Marzh.

Funeral on Thursday afternoon, January 21, at 1.30 o'clock.

o'clock.

MARTINE—At Dunellen, N. J., January 18, 1897, Anna N., beloved wife of the Rev. Abram I. Martine, aged 41 years 2 months 8 days.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service at the Dunellen Presbyterian Chutch en Friday afternoon January 22, at 245 o'clock.

Interment Saturday at F. emington, N. J.

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MILLER.—Entered into rest, at Ithaca, N. Y., January
19. Margaret, eldest daughter of William H. and Emma
Halsey Miller.

MILLS—Sudden'y, Sabbath morning, at Hastings on-Hudgen, N. Y., Sugan Margaret, wife of Edmund S. Mills,
and daughter of William Geagen.

Services at her late residence, Wednesday, January 20, 2
ofclock. o'clock. Carriages will meet train leaving Grand Central Station at 1:10 p. m.

at 1:10 p. m.

REED—At Sing Sing, N. Y., Monday, January 18, 1897.

David Reed, aged Si years.

Punyral services at his late residence, No. 21 Waller-ave., Sing Sing, on Thursday, the 21st inst., at 2 o'clock p. m. Internent at convenience of the family.

SANBORN—Suddenly, at Pleasantville, N. Y., on Saturday, January 16, 1897. Hermann Lord Sanborn.

Puneral services at his late residence, Pleasantville, N. Y., on Wednesday, 20th inst.

Train leaves Grand Central Depot at 2:07 p. m. Interment in Greenwood.

DIED.

All friends Invited.

WALLACE—On Monday, January 18, aged 80 years,
James Phillips Wallace,
Funeral private, on Wedtesday, at 3 o'clock p. m., from his
residence, No. 14 Scheumerhorn-st., Brooklyn.

WILLISTON—On Monday, the 18th inst., Magdalin Elisa
Williston, daughter of the late Rev. Raiph Williston,
in her 8th year.

Funeral from the Church of the Holy Communion, 6thave, and 20th-st., on Wednesday moraling, at 10:20
o'clock.

WYATT-On Sunday, January 17, 1807, at No. 82 Leg-ington-ave., Jane Kirby, wife of William E. Wyatt and daughter of the late Jacob Brown and Jane Trimble Kirby. Puneral services at the Church of the Transfiguration, 20th-st., pear 5th-ave., on Wednesday, January 20, at 11 a. m.

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a. m. (supplementary 10:30 a. m.) for Europe, per s. s.
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direct, per s. s. Eerlin, via Antwerp (letters must be
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THURSDAY—At S.a. m. for Netherlands direct, fee s., Edam. via Amsterdam deteres must be directed "per Edam").

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"Printed matter, etc.—German steamers saiting on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays take printed matter, etc., for other parts of Europe. White Star steamers on Wednesday take specially addressed printed matter, etc., for Europe. American, Cunard and French line steamers lake printed matter, etc., for all countries for which they are advertised to carry mail.

After the closing of the supplementary transatiantic mails named above, additional supplementary mails are opened on the piers of the American, English, Freigh and German steamers, and remain open until within teaminutes of the hour of sailing of steamer.

INDIES, ETC.

WEDNESDAY—At 7 a. m. for La Plata countries direct, per s. s. Darwin; at 7 a. m. for Brazil, per s. s. Wordsworth, via Pernambuco, Babia and Rio Janeiro (léttera for North Brazil and La Plata countries must be directed 'per Wordsworth'); at 8 s. m. for Bermida, per s. s. Trinidat; at 10 a. m. (supplementary 11 a. m.) for Central America (except Costa Rica) and South Pacific ports, per s. s. Valencia (Pitters for Guatemala must be directed 'per Valencia'); at 11 a. m. for Progresso, per s. s. Santo Domingo (etters for other parts of Mexico must be directed ''per Santo Domingo'); at 1 p. m. for Cuba, per s. s. Yucatan, via Havani; at 3 p. m. for Brazil and La Plata countries, per s. s. Imperial Prince, via Pernambuco, Rio Janeiro and Santos (etters for North Brazil must be directed ''per imperial Prince').

PHURBDAY—At 12 m. for Inagua, Port de Paix, Gonaives and Aux Cayes, per s. s. Schleswig; at 1 p. m. for North Brazil, per s. s. Ceneroe, via Para, Maranham and Cesra.

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steamer from Halifax.

Mails for Newfoundland, by rail to Halifax, and thence by steamer, close at this office daily at \$30 p. m. Mails for Miquelon, by rail to Boston and thence by steamer, close at this office daily at \$30 p. m. Mails for Chub close at this office daily at \$30 p. m. Mails for Chub close at this office daily at 7 a. m. for forwarding by steamers sailing (Mondays and Thursdays) from Port Tampa, Fis. Mails for Mexico, overland, unless specially addressed for dispatch by eteamer, close at this office daily at 7 a. m. fRegistered mail closes at 6 p. m. previous day.

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